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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on July 27, 2004, applicant submits the following reply with a petition for a three-month extension of time. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks:

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